

Student Senate Agenda and Minutes

February 23, 2017

Middletown Campus

I.

Meeting called to order and minutes approved @ 10:59

II.

Members Present: President Matt, Renita, Chitra, Mike, Eric, Sam, Ha, Nick, Andrew and James. Guests present were Derek and Matt L. and Steve.

III.

Derek the president of The Outdoors Club requested recognition and club approval from Senate. He emphasized the importance of encouraging students to be more active. Activities such as rock climbing, hiking and potentially skydiving are involved. The primary goals of the club are to instill a sense of stewardship and preservation of the environment while enhancing overall health. 40 members are currently signed up club criteria is as follows: be present at 60% of the meetings and do not violate any of the rules. With a unanimous vote the club was therefore approved.

IV.

Matt L. expressed interest in becoming a senator at large and was therefore interviewed for the position. Matt was immediately approved to be a senator at large

V. C.O.L.T Night Friday 24 @ 4-6pm

- Business casual attire
- Senators must be present at 3pm and attend 3 different workshops (public speaking, constitutions and how to run an effective meeting)
- Your job: Welcome the students and introduce yourself as senator

VI.

Committees- Concerns and Updates

- Senators must start attending committee meetings regularly!

- Possible committee seats may open to the rest of the student body and general campus. The students must apply to have a seat in the committee meetings and must attend regularly. There needs to be a minimum of one student per committee board.
- Senators have "first dibs" to certain committees
- Currently there are 7 seats that need to be filled.
- After each committee meeting, senators must send a report and a copy of the agenda to Eric to confirm your attendance to the meeting.
- Renita informed us on the condition of the sports committee and the lack of overall student participation. Andrew proposed the idea of a tailgating before sports and major events and Nick mentioned the lack of school spirit and mascot. Mike proposed partnering with BOA to promote campus-wide events.
- A motion to approve budget of \$250 to promote an influx of students to sporting events.
- Andrew informed us on his notes from the academic committee meeting- such as the 24 credit program and further information on switching majors.

VII.

Other notes:

- Tuition will raised \$140 and fees are going down \$20
- Increase in tuition could potentially driven students to attend other schools in the tristate area.

VIII. Vice President

- Grapevine needs significant improvement- addition of pictures, and graphics.
- More updates on committee

IX. Treasurer

- Committee has approved the budget
- The budget is currently at \$66,293.31

X. Old Business and New Business

- Next committee meeting will be held in room 351 in Rowley (March 2nd)
- Steve informed us on the importance of proper conduct at all times and being educated in the harmful impact of sexual harassment.

- Canteen trip will be March 1st.
- Redecorating senate office- possibly a shade of blue?
- The Grapevine is desperate need of improvement- potential meeting with Mike Albright. The Business Club could be a major force in the improvement and marketing of the Grapevine.
- \$50 tuition deposit will be removed

Meeting Adjourned at 12:04